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SUBJECT: INTUC PRESIDENT BHAGAVATI VISIT

REF: STATE 131464

1. BHAGAVATI DEPARTS NEW DELHI PA NO.1 JUNE 29 ARRIVING LONDON 1600 HRS. DEPARTS LONDON JUNE 30 PA-107 ARRIVING WASHINGTON DC AT 1355 HRS.

2. BHAGAVATI EMPHASIZES HE WOULD GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER PROGRAMS AFL-CIO MAY DEEM USEFUL FOR HIS UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT. HE WOULD LIKE TO DEVOTE ABOUT THREE DAYS IN WASHINGTON, DC MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MEANY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AFL-CIO OFFICIALS TO FURTHER DEVELOP MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AFL-CIO AND INTUC. IF CONVENIENT AND SUGGESTED BY AFL-CIO, WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE JULY 4 CELEBRATIONS, VISIT THE U.S. CONGRESS AND MEET WITH SENATORS INTERESTED IN INDIA AND FOREIGN RELATIONS.

3. AFL-CIO MAY ALSO CONSIDER BHAGAVATI VISITING NEW YORK (UNITED NATIONS AND ILGWU AND ITS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES), NIAGARA FALLS (SUNDAY, JULY 7), PITTSBURGH (USWA) AND WISCONSIN TO OBSERVE WORKERS' EDUCATION PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY UNIVERSITIES, AND IF FEASIBLE, AN APPROPRIATE PLACE IN CALIFORNIA TO OBSERVE FARM WORKERS UNION ACTIVITIES.

4. IF AFL-CIO CONSIDERS IT USEFUL, BHAGAVATI IS WILLING TO
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MEET WITH THE PRESS OR OTHER PUBLICITY MEDIA AS

APPROPRIATE AND TO SPEAK TO UNION GROUPS ON
INDIAN LABOR.

5. IF CALIFORNIA IS INCLUDED IN PROGRAM AND AFL-CIO SO
DESIRES BHAGAVATI WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR
ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS; OTHERWISE LIKES TO RETURN TO
NEW DELHI VIA TOKYO WITH A BRIEF STOPOVER IN HAWAII.
IN ANY CASE HE MUST LEAVE U.S. ON JULY 13 TO MEET
COMMITMENTS AT HOME.

6. BEFORE LEAVING NEW DELHI AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN CALLED ON
BHAGAVATI AND MENTIONED TO HIM THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO
WELCOMING HIM IN THE UNITED STATES. DEPARTMENT WILL WANT TO KEEP
AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN INFORMED OF BHAGAVATI PROGRAM.

7. BHAGAVATI IS NON-VEGETARIAN BUT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT EAT
BEEF OR PORK. HE HAS FIXED NEW DENTURE BUT DOES NOT
EXPECT ANY TROUBLE WITH FOOD. HE IS SOFT SPOKEN, MILD
MANNERED AND STEEPED IN GANDHIAN TRADITION, IS A
TEETOTALER.SCHNEIDER

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